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SUBJ: XII TACHIRA BICYCLING TOUR, VENEZUELA

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1. AS DISCUSSED WITH CAO DAMBRAVA, THE TACHIRAN CYCLING ASSOCIATION (ATC) CONTACTED THE POST REGARDING THE INVITATION OF A U.S. TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE XII TACHIRA BICYCLING TOUR, PLANNED FOR JANUARY 9-19, 1977. ATC ASKED THAT NORTH AMERICAN CYCLING FEDERATION BE CONTACTED SO THAT THEY MIGHT SEND A TEAM OF CYCLISTS TO COMPETE AGAINST TEAMS FROM ITALY, POLAND, THE SOVIET UNION, MEXICO, ETC.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ATC INVITATIONS FOLLOWS:

A) FOR A TEAM OF FOUR CYCLISTS AND TWO ASSISTANTS, THE ATC WILL COVER ALL ROUND-TIP AIR TRAVEL, FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO SAN CRISTOBAL, VENEZUELA.

B) FOOD AND LODGING WILL BE PROVIDED THE TEAM BEGINNING THREE DAYS BEFORE THE TOUR AND ENDING TWO DAYS AFTER THE TOUR.

C) A VEHICLE WILL BE AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE TEAM FROM THE  
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MOMENT OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN SAN CRISTOBAL, DURING THE COMPETITION, AND UP TO TWO DAYS AFTER THE TOUR.

D) ONE MOTORCYCLE AND NECESSARY AUXILIARY PERSONNEL WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE TOUR. AS EACH TEAM CHOOSES, AUXILIARY PERSONNEL MAY BE A TRAINER OR MECHANIC.

E) THE ATC WILL COVER THE COST OF EXCESS BAGGAGE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 KILOS PER TEAM; ANYTHING OVER 50 KILOS MUST BE COVERED BY EACH DELEGATION.

F) SECURITY FOR PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DELEGATION.

G) ANY ITEMS NOT LISTED FROM A TO F WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH DELEGATION.

3. FYI: XII TACHIRA BICYCLING TOUR WILL CONSIST OF TEN SECTIONS (STEPS), WITH SECTION EIGHT A STRAIGHT-LINE RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK. JANUARY 14 IS DESIGNATED REST DAY. AVERAGE TEMPERATURES ON TOUR CIRCUIT WILL VARY CONSIDERABLY OVER FOUR ZONES:

1) THE SEA-LEVEL TO 500 METERS ZONE WITH 34 DEGREES CELSIUS TEMPERATURE AVERAGE

2) "MEDIUM" ZONE OF 500 TO 1000 METERS WITH 24 DEGREES AVERAGE

E) THE MOUNTAIN ZONE, 1000 METERS ON UP, 16 DEGREES AVERAGE, AND

4) THE "ROUNDTREE" ZONE, WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2150 METERS ALTITUDE, AND 15 DEGREES AVERAGE. THE ENTIRE TOUR WILL BE RUNS ON ASPHALTED ROADS IN GOOD CONDITION. THE TOUR WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE PRESENT RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLISTS UNION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHO PARTICIPATING ON U.S. TEAM AND WHEN THEY EXPECT TO TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA.

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